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Hummingbird and butterfly garden dedicated to Veva Stansell

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Veva Stansell has had a long-time passion with botany.

Born at the beginning of the Great Depression, Pistol River resident Veva Stansell was raised during hard economic times. Many men, like her father, worked their early years in physically demanding positions until their bodies wore out and middle age set in. Then, if they were fortunate enough, they 'retired' to the home place – the farm – to work the land and support their families.

They gardened as best they could, mostly growing vegetables for their own consumption. They raised a couple of hogs, kept a few cows, and had plenty of venison to eat. Waste was not an option. Milk was drunk, cream was sold, and skim milk went to the hogs.

The Ismerts (Veva's maiden name)

lived 'off the grid', to use a modern phrase. Kerosene lamps were used to light the house and music came from a phonograph; television would arrive much later. Friends and classmates came from the small crop of neighbors that spanned several miles up the river or across the valleys and hills. Her older brother's friends became her friends, too. When she went places, her sister, Frances, was most likely also along. This was a generation that knew how to entertain themselves and make do with what they had.

In this era school could be suspended if conditions created an agricultural emergency. It was not uncommon for students to miss school in order to work the muddy lily bulb fields, pinching off the flower buds to promote bulb growth, or weeding between the rows. There was not the luxury of backboards, which we see in use today by the commercial growers in Smith River where the worker lays on the board and then is wheeled along the rows. It was hard bend-over or squat-down, physically-challenging, tedious labor, and every available able-bodied person helped out, if not for the meager wages, then for the sense of helping a friend and neighbor.

Veva's parent's home place was near where her home is now located, and except for living in Gold Beach, Veva has always lived on the South Bank of the Pistol River. Her life-long connection to this geographical area created the necessity to adapt to fluctuating job

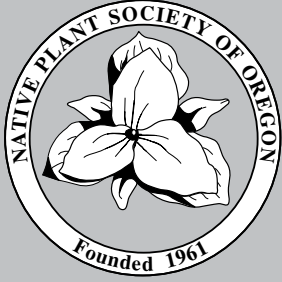
markets. The jobs she chose centered on the processing, and later preservation, of our natural resources.

She married Bob Stansell and they raised three sons, Dave, Cliff, and Les. She shared her life-long love of horses by becoming a 4-H leader, and when she could, she took long trail rides with her friends. It was on these rides, some lasting for days through the back-country, that she began to take notice of eco-systems and how elevation or shade, wet land or well-drained soils, fostered completely different varieties of plant life.

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NPSO Bulk Mail Committee - Members of Emerald Chapter

The NPSO Bulk Mail Committee meets monthly in the late afternoon at Lane Community College to sort and attach mailing labels to the newsletters. The job usually takes about an hour. Clay Gautier provides the printed labels, and Michael Hartman mails Bulletins from North Eugene the following day.



PHOTO BY GAIL BAKER

Left to right: Glen Love, Diane English, Rhoda Love, Charlene Simpson, Glen Cole, Dave Pre-deek, Nan Ahnert, Michael Hartman (Chair), Clay Gautier (Membership Chair).

Errata:

From the Field: Horse Rock Ridge Research Natural Area, 5 June 2010 [NPSO *Bulletin* 43(7)] - *Allium ampletens* was mis-identified and should be *Allium crenulatum*. Also, according to the Oregon Flora Project Atlas, *Balsamorhiza deltoidea* is more common on the west side but most species of *Balsamorhiza* are found east of the Cascades.

Kalmiopsis (Volume 17) Errata:

The 2010 issue of *Kalmiopsis* was mailed in August. Please take a minute to correct some errors that slipped by the editor.

- On page 26, Pacific rhododendron is listed as *Rhododendron macrocarpum*. It should be *R. macrophyllum*.
- Inside the back cover, the lower photo caption should read Hurwal Divide not Hurwell Divide. The correct caption for the center photo (yellow forb) is "Flett's groundsel (*Packera flettii*, formerly *Senecio flettii*) has a limited distribution in the Coast Range, Willapa Hills and Olympics. Curiously, it has not been seen on Saddle Mountain. Photo by Kathleen Sayce on Angora Peak."
- A corrected version of the cover is available online at the NPSO website: www.npsoregon.org/kalmiopsis/kalmiopsis17/cover.pdf.



Allium ampletens in Fall Creek.

PHOTO BY TANYA HARVEY

NPSO CALENDAR

State NPSO Board Meeting: Portland, October 23

The next state NPSO Board meeting will take place Saturday, October 23, 10 am to 2 pm, in Portland. The meeting will be held at the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, SE 54th and Belmont (entrance on 54th). Items for the agenda should be sent to David Lebo via e-mail at dlebo@peacemail.com.

State Notes

June 24-26, 2011

Annual NPSO Meeting: The Portland Chapter will be hosting the 2011 annual meeting of the Native Plant Society of Oregon in Logan Valley, located on the south side of the Strawberry Mountains. This area has an extremely diverse ecological makeup, including five of the seven major life zones in North America. Nearly every type of alpine wildflower found west of the Rockies can be observed here. The rich flora is complemented by diverse wildlife and geological history. Join us in Logan Valley this June, and you too will agree that this is a special place worthy of holding the annual meeting, and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of NPSO. More information is available at <http://2011.npsoregon.org/>.

Blue Mountain

For information on Blue Mountain Chapter call Jerry Baker, 541-566-2244.

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For more information, visit the chapter website, www.oregon-nativeplants.com. To be added to the e-mail list for upcoming programs and events, please contact Jennie Sue Dunn-Dixon at jsdd51@verizon.net.

October 28, Thursday, 7-8:45 pm

Program: The Sex Life of Plants.

Brent Miller of Portland will present a fascinating program detailing the reproductive processes used by plants. What are some of the challenges facing plants when they try to find mates and how do they overcome those challenges? Expect to learn some botanical terminology, a bit of evolution, and some of the more interesting plant reproductive process. Brent, who has a master's degree in plant evolutionary ecology from the University of California, is a web designer who runs Foliosus Web Design. Location: Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library, 225 N.W. Adams St. (Highway 99W). Parking lot entrances on Adams and Second streets. For more information, contact Marna

IMPORTANT NOTE TO FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Field trips take place rain or shine, so proper dress and footwear are essential. **BRING WATER AND LUNCH.** Trips may be strenuous and/or hazardous. Participation is at your own risk. Be prepared to sign a release form indicating this. For a sample copy check out the NPSO website. Please contact the trip leader or chapter representative about difficulty, distance, and terrain to be expected on field trips. Dogs are not allowed. All NPSO field trips are open to the public at no charge (other than contribution to carpool driver) and newcomers and visitors are always welcome. National Forests require a Northwest Forest Pass for some field trip locations. Permits can be acquired at forest headquarters and ranger districts.

NOTICE TO FIELD TRIP CHAIRS AND LEADERS

The Forest Service and other agencies have set policies limiting group size in many wilderness areas to 12. The reason is to limit human impacts on these fragile areas. Groups using wilderness areas should be no larger than 12.

Porath at 503-835-1042 or marna@onlinemac.com.

Corvallis

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis chapter e-mail list, contact Laurel Moulton at lamoulto@yahoo.com.

October 3, Sunday, 1-4 pm

Workshop: Avery Garden Work Party and Shrub Propagation. Join Esther McEvoy for a fall garden clean up and propagation workshop. As we prune back native shrubs we'll use the clippings to create more plants for our own gardens. Bring sharp shears and raingear. We will provide potting mix and rooting hormone. Bring a snack to share if you would like. Contact Esther for more information at 541-754-0893

October 11, Monday, 7 pm

Meeting: Wildflowers of Marys Peak and Bald Hill. Dr. Steven Carpenter, local author of 'Wildflowers of Marys Peak Meadows', will talk about the flowers and natural history of Marys Peak. He will also introduce us to, and request feed back on, his new work on the 'Wildflowers of Bald Hill Park'. Location: Avery Park Nature Center, Corvallis. Dr. Carpenter first became interested in wildflowers during his summers as a counselor at Spirit Lake Boy Scout Camp at Mt. St. Helens. He received his BS in Botany at OSU, MS in mycology at Cornell, and Ph.D. in Biology on a fellowship at the New York Botanical Gardens. During his years at NYBG he spent time in South America collecting new species of plants and fungi. Upon his return to Oregon, he worked on microbial recovery at the Mt. St. Helens devastation zone and on microbial nutrient cycling in old growth forests.

October 30, Saturday, 8 am

Field Trip: Mushroom Hike. Dan Luoma will lead experienced and novice mushroom hunters alike on a hike - itinerary to be determined by

the weather and fungus availability - to identify and gather the succulent fungi. Specimens may end up at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Mushroom Festival. This will be an all-day outing, so please bring rain gear, a basket, waxed paper or bags, and lunch, water, etc. Meet at the OSU parking lot southwest of The Beanery, 26th and Monroe a bit before 8 am. For more information, call Dan at 541-752-8860.

Emerald

Visit the Emerald Chapter Web site at <http://emerald.npsoregon.org> to learn more about the latest chapter events, plant lists and botanical information about Lane County plants and the people who love them.

October 16, Saturday, 9 am-12 pm

Work Party: Noon Herbarium Work Party. Assist with mounting and organizing specimens in the Rowe-Love Herbarium at Lane Community College. No background is necessary and all assistance is appreciated. Learn valuable plant collection and preparation skills while assisting in adding to our collection of over 3000 specimens. Notable and historic herbarium specimens from the Herbarium will be on display. Refreshments provided. To find out more about the Rowe-Love Herbarium, please visit the following sites: <https://teach.lanec.edu/bakerg/Herbarium.htm>; <http://www.lanec.edu/archives/OH-NelsonJK.html>; <http://www.lanec.edu/archives/OH-LoveR.htm>. Location: Science Building Room 117. Information: Contact Gail Baker, 541-463-5085 or bakerg@lanec.edu

October 18, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Alpine and Forest Flowers of the Mattervispa Basin (Part I). Dan Luoma and Joyce Eberhart share their experiences from a week of botanizing in the Swiss Alps. They were led on an outstanding wildflower adventure in 2009 by longtime NPSO member Karen Sturgeon, retired botany professor from Linfield College. Location: EWEB Training Room at 500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene. Information: 541-746-9478.

November 15, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: A Botanist in Southern Iowa. Ed Alverson of the Nature Conservancy presents "A Botanist in Southern Iowa." Iowa is the only state that lies entirely within the tallgrass prairie region, where prairies and oak savannas once covered hundreds of thousands of square miles and numerous bison and elk once grazed. Today, only a small fraction of the original natural landscape remains. Ed will describe his recent visit, which was made to study both the history and botany of this region. He will also share pictures of some of the remaining examples of the now rare native ecosystems in southern Iowa. Location: EWEB Training Room at 500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene. For more information call 541-746-9478.

High Desert

To be added to the e-mail list for upcoming events, please contact Maria Britton at mebritton@bendbroadband.com. For questions or more information, please contact Eileen Obermiller at hd_president@NPSOregon.org.

Election Notice: Positions for 2011 – 2013 High Desert Chapter President, Secretary, and Treasurer are open. Please email eileen@DappledEarth.com as soon as possible if you wish to volunteer for an officer's position or know someone who might be interested. There are also openings for ad hoc committee members such as field trip coordinator, membership liaison, blog keeper, and others. Elections will be held before October 31, 2010.

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact Sarah Malaby at 541-884-5703 or smalaby@cs.com.

Mid-Columbia

For information on the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact Sara Wu at wusara96@yahoo.com.

October 14, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Grazing as Habitat Management. Susan Van Leuven, the

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife manager for the Klickitat Wildlife Area, will talk about grazing as a habitat management tool and the methods she and others use to track range plant-community quality. Location: Boardroom, Building 1, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles.

North Coast

For information on the North Coast Chapter call Janet Stahl at 503-842-8708.

Portland

If you would like to receive the chapter's semi-official e-mail newsletter, The Calochortus, e-mail Don Jacobson at donj-photo@gmail.com.

October 14, Thursday, 7 pm

Talk: Rare plants of the Columbia River Gorge and adjacent East Cascades. Paul Slichter will show photos of endangered plant species of the Columbia River Gorge and discuss ongoing monitoring efforts there with an emphasis on current threats at Catherine Creek and elsewhere. Volunteer monitoring via Washington State's Rare Care model will also be discussed. Location: Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church, Southeast Belmont at 54th Avenue. Parking is available in the Church parking lot. For more information, call Billy Don at 503-515-1708.

Siskiyou

The Siskiyou chapter e-mails meeting reminders and last-minute information such as field trip cancellations. To be added to the list, please send your e-mail address to Kristi Mergenthler at coprolite-mergie@yahoo.com.

October 17, Sunday, 9 am

Field Trip: McDonald Basin. We will be hiking cross-country to McDonald Basin via the Siskiyou Crest and McDonald Peak. This is a great opportunity to visit one of our high mountain areas in the autumn sunshine (hopefully). There will be some interesting grasslands and hillslope wetlands along the way and plenty of big sagebrush.

The hike is less than 4 miles roundtrip but no trails (cross-country). Meet at 9 am behind the Oil Stop on Ashland St, just west of the BiMart/Shop 'n Kart parking lot in Ashland, about 1/4 mi west of I-5, exit 14. For more information call Wayne at 541-482-0093.

October 21, Thursday, 7-9 pm

Program: Chaparral Mini Conference—Two Talks

Location: Southern Oregon University, Science Bldg., RM 171. For additional information, contact Kristi at 541-941-3744.

Talk 1: Secrets of the Chaparral - Preserving what's left of Oregon's native shrublands. The chaparral remains one of the most misunderstood and underappreciated ecosystems on earth. Threatened by fire, inappropriate land management activities, and habitat fragmentation, the chaparral supports an incredible diversity of life forms. Join us for a discussion as we explore the chaparral's unique natural history, its fascinating plant adaptations, and reveal some of the major misconceptions many hold about Oregon's unique shrubland ecosystem. *Presented by Richard W. Halsey, a chaparral ecologist, writer, and director of The California Chaparral Institute, a non-profit research and educational organization.*

Talk 2: Like no other: Southwest Oregon chaparral and the challenge of conservation. Surprising new knowledge has been recently uncovered about the ecology and shrub species biology of Southwest Oregon chaparral, suggesting that this plant community is unique in the Klamath Ecoregion and in the West. But people live here, too – how do we meet the challenges of chaparral conservation in a built landscape? *Presented by Olivia Duren, MS.*

October 23, Saturday, 9am

Field Trip: Chaparral Tour. Richard Halsey and Olivia Duren will co-lead a tour of Southwest Oregon chaparral. Details to be announced. Location: Meet at Rite-Aid parking lot in Ashland, Oregon to carpool. For additional information, contact Kristi at 541-941-3744.

October 31, Sunday, 9am

Field Trip: Fall Fungi Hike. Led by Wayne Rolle, John Teem and John Villella. Destination will be in the Cascades on Rogue River-Siskiyou N.F. Exact site to be determined based on how the mushroom season is shaping up at that time. Minimum 1 hour of driving time one way, maybe more. We will carpool. Location: Meet in visitor parking at the Medford Interagency Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford. Return to Medford by 5:00 P.M. For more information call Wayne at 541-482-0093..

Umpqua Valley

Visit www.umpquavalley.npsoregon.org for more information on chapter activities.

Willamette Valley

For program information, contact John Savage at 503-399-8615.

October 21, Thursday, 6:45 pm

Program: Invasive Species Control is not a Spectator Sport. Tania Siemens and Tanya Beard will discuss early detection and rapid response work to control invasive weeds in Oregon and Marion County. Their talk will cover the weed species of highest concern including a success story on the control of oblong spurge. Siemens is the Early Detection and Rapid Response to Invasive Species Coordinator for Nature Conservancy. She is also a part-time faculty member at Oregon Sea Grant and coordinates the Watershed and Invasive Species Education (WISE) program. Beard is an Environmental Specialist/Botanist with Marion County. She has managed a plant nursery and taught basic botany, horticulture, and organic gardening classes. Location: Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A St. NE, Salem. For more information, call 503-399-8615 after 7 pm.

William Cusick

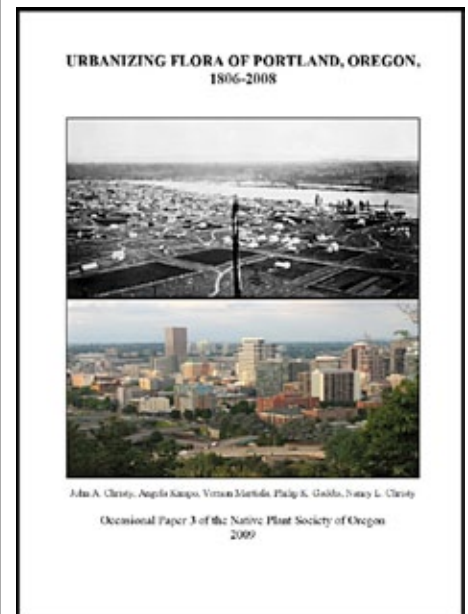
Visit our website at <http://williamcusick.npsoregon.org> for updates and general information.

Now Available: NPSO Occasional Paper 3

Urbanizing Flora of Portland, Oregon, 1806-2008

NPSO Occasional Paper 3: 1-315.
by John A. Christy, Angela Kimpo,
Vernon Marttala, Philip K. Gaddis,
and Nancy L. Christy (2009)

This compilation of the vascular plants of the Portland-Vancouver area analyzes changes in the region's vegetation since 1806. A total of 1,556 taxa in 125 families are represented. Based on herbarium specimens, publications, and unpublished manuscripts, it tracks the changing fortunes of native and exotic species shaped by an expanding urban environment. It includes a history of botany in Portland, a gazetteer of historical and modern place names, botanical miscellanea from 19th and early 20th century Portland, and lists of rare species for use by planners and land managers.



Price: \$15 postpaid, checks payable to Native Plant Society of Oregon.
Orders: Prepaid only
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Portland, OR 97225-3623
john.christy@oregonstate.edu
Please remember to include your mailing address and telephone number.

OTHER EVENTS

Eugene Natural History Society

October 15, Friday, 7:30 pm

Talk: Trees, Truffles, and Beasts: How Forests Function. Forest fungi, like truffles, aren't just there for us to eat, but play a role in the health of our forests and critters of the forests. Come hear James Trappe, forest scientist, give a delicious, illustrated talk to the Eugene Natural History Society on Trees, Truffles, and Beasts: How Forests Function, also the title of a recent book he coauthored. Trappe, a retired professor, is another one of those guys who has loved his profession so much that he still pursues his favorite topic, "learning new things about forest fungi," and loves to share his knowledge with others. The public is invited free of charge. Location: Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO campus.

November 19, Friday, 7:30 pm

Presentation: Strange Days on Planet Earth. Where did all the aspens go, not to mention streamside vegetation and beavers and songbirds? National Geographic's "Strange Days on Planet Earth" features the research of Bill Ripple, OSU professor of forest science, who, along with other scientists, ascribes the losses in Yellowstone National Park to the elimination of wolves. Apparently, we need the "top dog" predator to keep elk on the run and vital plant and animal diversity intact. Come hear a fascinating, illustrated talk by a "top dog" scientist, Bill Ripple, at the October meeting of the Eugene Natural History Society. Public is invited free of charge. Location: Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO campus.

The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon

October 17, Sunday, 3-4:30 pm

Talk: Armchair Garden Traveler: 5 Weeks, 58 Gardens, 4000 Miles: The Plants and Gardens of New Zealand.

Accompany gardener and photographer Dave Eckerdt on his garden travels through New Zealand, from the tropical north to the frigid south. The northern tip offered Tane Mahuta, Maori for "The Lord of the Forest," New Zealand's largest Kaori tree, a living national treasure. The southern tip offered Maple Glen, a forty-year-old, twenty-five-acre, insecticide-free garden grown from one woman's passion for plants and birds. Derek Fell, in his book Great Gardens of New Zealand, writes "if there were a competition for New Zealand's most beautiful garden, Maple Glen would most probably win... this garden is to New Zealand what Monet's garden is to France." An excellent photographer and an enjoyable narrator, Dave is in his fifth year as president of the Salem Hardy Plant Society and an active member of a dozen or more horticultural groups. His own two-acre garden, Deerly Missed, has been featured in newspapers, magazines, and on television. Register online. \$6 per ticket. Registration limited to 120. Location: Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland.

October 30, Saturday, 10 am (doors at 9 am)

Talk: Change: The Passage of Time in the Garden. Sydney Eddison, nationally recognized garden writer and author of seven books including her newest, Gardening for a Lifetime: How to Garden Wiser as You Grow Older (Timber Press, 2010), will share a wonderful array of stories and insights gained from a lifetime of gardening and tell us about the adaptations she has made as an aging gardener as she works to simplify her two-acre Connecticut garden. Painful joints, an aching back, and the loss of her husband made it impossible for her to maintain the garden as it once was. \$20 for HPSO members, \$30 nonmembers. Register online. Location: Moriarty Auditorium, PCC Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth, Portland 97217. Parking on campus is free on weekends and the campus is accessible by MAX Yellow Line.

Mount Pisgah Arboretum

October 2, Saturday, 10 am-Noon

Walk: Autumn Herbal Walk. Autumn is a busy time for the herbal harvester. Join Certified Herbalist Sue Sierralupe, on a walk along our scenic trails to identify the medicinal wonders and tasty wild edibles that surround us. Bark and roots are the focus of this season's hike. Fee: \$5 (MPA members/donation). Rain or Shine. Meet at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Visitors Center. For more information, call 541-747-1504.

October 16, Saturday, 10am-4pm.

Talk & Hike: Finding and Identifying Mushrooms. Join mushroom enthusiast Josiah Legler for a short lecture and a hike to observe mushrooms in their native habitat. We will discuss mushroom biology and ecology, edible and medicinal mushrooms, terminology and identification, and more. Dress for a walk in the woods, bring a lunch, water, and a field guide if you have one. Registration required. Rain or Shine. Fee: \$25 (MPA members/\$20). Meet at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Visitors Center and carpool to a nearby site about 30 minutes away for the hike. Call (541)747-1504 to sign up or for more information.

October 31, Sunday, 10am-5pm

Event: Mushroom Festival. Don't miss our annual fall celebration of mushrooms and the harvest season, co-presented by Mount Pisgah Arboretum, the Cascade Mycological Society and Lane Community College. This event is one of the largest mushroom displays on the West Coast. There will also be a huge plant sale, live music, a scarecrow contest, children's activities, hayrides, craft vendors, incredible mushroom-inspired food, fresh cider, wine and much more. Suggested donation: \$5/person, kids under 12 are free. Location: Mount Pisgah Arboretum. For more information about the festival and how to volunteer, call 541-747-3817.

North American Butterfly Association

October 4, Monday, 7 pm

Talk: Saving the Silverspot Butterfly.

Anne Walker, a Wildlife Biologist at the Newport office of the US Fish and Wildlife, will be speaking about Recovery efforts to restore and protect this Federally Endangered butterfly. Recovery efforts include land purchases and management coordination with land owners in planting of important host and nectar plants for the butterfly. The Portland Zoo has been an important collaborator in rearing silverspot butterflies for release. Join us to hear about and celebrate some successful efforts in Silverspot recovery. Free and open to the public. Location: EWEB Training Center 500 East 4th Ave., Eugene.

North American Rock Garden Society, Emerald Chapter

October 14th, Thursday, 7 pm

Talk: Building for Growing: How to Create Different Environments in the Garden from Deserts to Bogs.

Peter Korn will present "Building for Growing: How to Create Different Environments in the Garden from Deserts to Bogs." Peter is a lecturer on the NARGS western speakers tour and lives and gardens in Sweden. The talk is sponsored by the Emerald Chapter of the NARGS. The meeting is free and open to the public. Location: Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St. For more information, contact Tanya at president@nargsemerald.org or 541-937-1401.

Siskiyou Field Institute

October 15-17, Friday (evening) through Sunday

Workshop: Introduction to Lichens:

Another World. Discover the complex world of lichens by examining their structures and learning terminology needed to discuss the basics of identification. Collect lichens from the meadows and forests around the Deer Creek Center, then return to the lab to identify and preserve specimens. Learn to key your lichens using Macrolichens of the Pacific Northwest. Complete the workshop with a small personal lichen reference collection to further your studies. Don't miss the Free Evening Program, "Lichens." Instructor: Daphne Stone, PhD. Tuition: \$100. Naturalist Certificate. Location: Deer Creek Center, Selma, OR. For more information and to register for the course, visit www.thesfi.org.



Commemorative Water Bottle: NPSO 2010 Annual Meeting



Purchase your stainless steel water bottle (18 oz) with the NPSO logo and 2010 annual meeting information printed in green on the bottle. These stainless steel, double walled vacuum bottles will keep your hot beverages hot and cold beverages cold for over 3 hours! Each bottle comes with a mesh holder. Water bottles are available for \$20 per bottle, including shipping in Oregon. Send your check to Eileen Obermiller, PO Box 97, Powell Butte, OR 97753 and be sure to include the address to where the bottle is to be delivered.

NPSO Items for Sale

Booklets on Gardening with Native Plants. Emerald Chapter's three booklets about native plants of the southern Willamette Valley are "Native Herbaceous Plants in Our Gardens," "Native Shrubs in Our Gardens," and "Native Trees in Our Gardens." \$8.00/set of three, mail order. Individual booklets sold from the NGAP booth at Down-To-Earth, or by check made out to "Emerald Chapter NPSO" with "NGAP Gardening Guides" in the memo line to P.O. Box 902, Eugene OR 97440-0902. Also see online in PDF format at www.emerald-npsso.org Click on "Gardening with Native Plants."

Field Guide to Shrubs of Southwest Oregon. An 80-page, pocket-sized field guide identifies 56 of the most frequently-encountered shrubs in SW Oregon, and describes each species in detail with words and photos, including habitat, leaves, twigs, fruit, and flowers. Dichotomous keys, illustrations of common plant parts and glossary included. Janet Walker, NPSO Siskiyou chapter member, and Max Bennet, Forestry Agent with Jackson/Josephine Counties. \$7/copy; checks payable to "OSU Extension Service." Mail to Shrub Guide, Jackson County Extension, 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR 97502.

Poseidon's Necklace. Don Begnoche, Siskiyou chapter, has issued an Oregon field guide covering the coastal section, mile by mile, from Astoria to Brookings. Genesis of the coastal landscape and flora found on dunes, headlands and montane slopes; over 500 landscape and floral photographs as well as geologic maps and illustrations. PDF format on a CD. \$19.95 + \$2.50 s/h. Mail checks to Don Begnoche, 439 Herbert St., Ashland, OR 97520

Fred Bowen arrived in Gold Beach around 1960 to teach biology at the high school. His evening and weekend adult classes on wildflowers were just what Veva needed to jumpstart her education into the world of botany. Following her classes with Mr. Bowen, she would apply what she learned to the greater 'outdoor classroom', usually in the company of long-time friends Ben and Lola Gardner. As the years went by, her knowledge base and interest in botany grew, and she became known as someone with an expertise in local plant lore.

Ever curious and observant about the world around her, Veva would sometimes gingerly collect plant specimens and then send them to the Oregon State University Herbarium for identification. It took her awhile to learn to use a plant key, but she credits the eventual mastery of that skill for much of her success at identification. Collecting sparingly, then keying out at home with the help of a microscope, gave her a self-taught skill valuable to her future employers, the Forest Service.

Veva says, "At the Forest Service, we first learned the designated Sensitive Plants characteristics by reading about them because we didn't want to collect if it happened to be a REALLY rare species; just document with site descriptions." Other times she would collect, press, and mount specimens to use for future reference or as an aide in training new botany techs. She considered it a real bonus to be paid for what she truly loved to do.

Working with groups and organizations, Veva would help build trails, reclaim scarred landscapes, and install interpretive signs for the education of the forest visitor. Much to her surprise, following one such joint venture with fellow Forest Service worker, Colin Dillingham (a hummingbird enthusiast) the Innominata Garden Club, and Plumas Audubon Society, she was honored by having the project dedicated to her.

When asked to comment about Veva and her work, Colin Dillingham

(now living in Quincy, California) offered the following:

"Veva is a fantastic botanist and naturalist and through her field trips, knowledge, and leadership opened the eyes of many to the wonders of nature around us. When I first had the idea to develop a hummingbird and butterfly garden in the abandoned rock quarry, Veva was very supportive and came up with many ideas for native plants that would help to attract birds and butterflies as well as other re-vegetation ideas. She is such a wonderful person; we thought it would be appropriate to dedicate it to Veva."

A brochure describing the garden, its native plants, and hummingbird and butterfly visitors can be acquired at no cost from the Gold Beach Forest Service Office.

Armed with that brochure and a great Forest Service map, my husband and I ventured out one morning to find the Hummingbird Garden. It was a good decision to take the pickup truck on the sometimes potholed and wash-boarded gravel roads. Driving up the South Bank of the Rogue, we turned onto FS 3300, then FS 3313. We stopped at beautiful waterfalls from a swiftly flowing Quosatana Creek and admired the beautiful and unique *Iris innominatas*, or golden iris.

It was no problem to follow the map and find the Garden. It never crosses your mind that once this area was a barren, rocky hole in the ground. It fits seamlessly into the forest backdrop with the most adorable flowering bushes and an entire hillside of delicate Fawn Lilies, whose spotted leaves resemble the spots on a fawn's back.

Veva says, "Fawn lilies are 'lamb-tongue' or 'trout-lilies,' so called for the spotted or variegated leaves."

There is one picnic table, a circuitous narrow trail up to the pond and back down through the ravine, and many plant stakes identifying plants along the way. The Forest Service hasn't had the funds to maintain the garden, nor any trails whatsoever, for two years now due to budget cuts, and it shows here at the Hummingbird Garden.

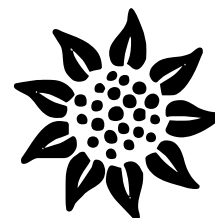
Leaving the Garden we stopped to take a look at Flycatcher Spring, then



Giant fawn lily (*Erythronium oregonum*) near Pickett Creek in Josephine County, Oregon

took a variety of forest roads until we came out at the Gardner Ranch up the North Bank of the Pistol and were greeted by two llamas and one big-horned sheep in the road. I was struck by the beauty of the green hills and half expected to see Heidi bringing the cows down for milking at grandfather's barn. It was a spectacular sight!

Be sure to take your camera if you go. While there, think about Veva and the other volunteers that spent some of their precious time and energy creating and maintaining this thing of beauty for you and me to enjoy; people like Jenifer Hutchinson, Maria Ulloa, George Cruz, Tim Scullen, Lisa Wolf, Karen McCullough, and Sunja Goldenrose who made up the last known work party in 2003. Then think about what you can do to help preserve this treasure in the absence of federal funds. It is just out there waiting for you to discover its beauty.



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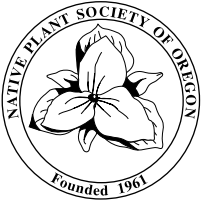
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